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Lexington Men Sentenced for Selling Crack Cocaine, Weapons Possession

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LEXINGTON, Ky. — Antoine Gregory Hill, 22, of Lexington, Ky. was sentenced today to a 140 months in prison for possessing with the intent to distribute 300 grams of crack cocaine, possession of a firearm during a drug trafficking crime, and escape from custody.

During his plea in May, Hill admitted that on February 21, 2008, he possessed approximately 300 grams of crack cocaine. The crack cocaine was discovered in Hill's apartment during a search by members of the Lexington Police Department. Prior to the search of his apartment, Hill was arrested and found in possession of a loaded pistol, and \$3,940.

"It's no secret that drugs and violent crime are problems in Lexington," said United States Attorney Jim Zerhusen. "More and more drug dealers are using weapons to facilitate drug transactions, which promotes violent crime. However, I think that prosecutions such as this one will show that local and federal law enforcement and the U.S. Attorney's Office are aggressively trying to eliminate this problem."

Hill also admitted that on March 23, 2008, he escaped from the custody of the Fayette County Detention Center. Hill admitted that he used another inmate's identity to gain release from the jail. He was subsequently apprehended on March 24, 2008.

On August 25, Dejuan Isaac Perdue, 27, was sentenced to 66 months imprisonment for conspiring with Hill to possess with the intent to distribute a detectable amount of crack cocaine. Perdue was ordered to pay a \$5,632 fine. Perdue pleaded guilty In April of 2008.

Under federal law, both Hill and Perdue must serve 85 percent of their respective prison sentence. Upon release, Hill will be under the supervision of the United States Probation Office for five years. Perdue will be under the supervision of the United States Probation Office for six years.

James A. Zerhusen, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Ronnie Bastin, Chief, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Division of Police, and Paul J. Vido, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives

(ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly made the announcement today after Hill's sentencing.

The investigation was conducted by the Lexington Police Department, and ATF. The United States was represented by Assistant United States Attorneys Robert M. Duncan, Jr. and Hydee Hawkins.

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